



A COMMITMENT TO

Price Transparency

Alaska hospitals are committed to supporting patients to make informed health care choices by adopting the following price transparency principles.

ASHNHA members are committed to a collaborative approach to price transparency and support efforts to:

- ✓ Provide fair and accurate information to inform patients about the potential cost of their care.
- ✓ Encourage patients to consider price and quality when they make decisions on access to non-emergency medical services.

ASHNHA members support the following price transparency principles:

1. Consumers have a right to know the likely charges for their non-emergency health care services
 - Price information should be provided in an easy-to-understand format.
 - All parties that provide price information should make clear to patients what services are and are not included in their estimates, and offer other relevant information, such as quality and safety data, where available.
2. Health plans are in the best position to help their members find out the total estimated price of the service.
 - Health plans should help members estimate their expected out-of-pocket costs, based on their current deductible status along with copayment and coinsurance information.
 - Health plans often have access to price information for many providers in a region, which they can use to help members factor price into their decision-making process.
3. Hospitals support the right of patients to know the insurance network status, if any, of the hospital and the professionals employed by the hospital and commit to assisting patients to learn the network status of other professionals who might be providing care at the hospital.
4. Hospitals should serve as a price information resource for uninsured people.
 - Hospitals should continue to help uninsured patients identify alternatives for sharing their health care costs, including insurance and public coverage options and communicate to all patients—including the uninsured—that they may be eligible for financial assistance provided directly by the hospital.
 - Hospitals should offer uninsured people clear information on how to receive price estimates.
5. Health care providers, health plans and the state and federal payers jointly assume a responsibility to improve health care coverage literacy.

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Patient /Consumer Checklist



ALASKA STATE HOSPITAL &
NURSING HOME ASSOCIATION

Gathering the information below will help your hospital provide you with the best cost estimate possible for your procedure.

The information below will help the hospital provide an estimate of the cost of your upcoming procedure. This estimate relates only to the hospital portion of your medical bill – physician services are billed directly from the physician name.

Please note that prices offered are estimates only – procedure costs vary based on your specific circumstances including health insurance status and changes in coverage; length of time spent in the hospital; additional tests or procedures ordered by your physician; or any unforeseen conditions or circumstances surrounding your care or recovery.

Patient Name: _____
Guardian (if applicable): _____
Relationship to Patient: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Contact phone number: _____
Okay to leave a message? _____

Ordering Provider/Surgeon Name: _____
Date & Location of Surgery/Test: _____
Description of Surgery/Test/CPT*: _____
Special Instructions: _____

Please note that pre-existing medical conditions could change the location of the procedure or may require additional tests prior to the procedure, which will impact total cost.

If Insured, provide the following information from your insurance card(s):

Primary Insurance Carrier: _____
Policy Number: _____
Subscriber: _____

**CPT – Current Procedure Terminology Code. Your provider who ordered the test can give you the CPT Code.*

If you don't have health insurance, your hospital and / or physician can provide you with information on available coverage options, assistance programs, hospital discounts or payment plans.